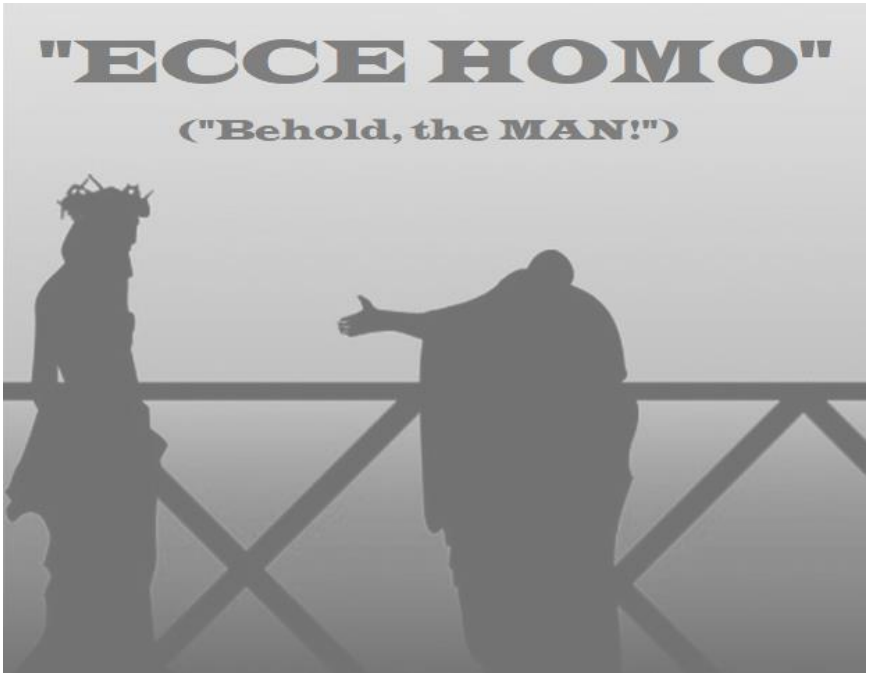
VALLEY GRACE BRETHREN CHURCH

OF

ARMAGH, PENNSYLVANIA



Then came Jesus forth, wearing the crown of thorns, and the purple robe. And Pilate saith unto them, "Behold the man!"—John 19:5

SUNDAY, JUNE 6TH, AD 2021

The LORD'S Day

The Sixth Day of June, *in the Year of our Lord* 2021

Welcome to the worship services of Valley Grace Brethren Church!

Sunday School—9:30 AM.

We continue our studies in the **History of the Christian Church**. We are currently working on a sub-series relating to the issue of **God & Government**. Today, we consider the impact that the global influence of the Christian Worldview has made upon the history of the world in a variety of realms.

Morning Worship—10:30 AM.

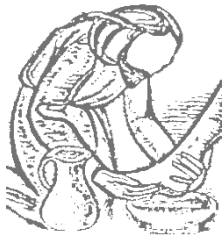
Call to Worship:* *"Praise Him, All Ye Little Children"* (#435; v.1)

Invocation.*

Hymn: *"Victory in Jesus* (#290)."

Prayer for Tithes & Offerings.

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 2:1-18.



Prayer, Praises, & Testimony.

Hymn: *"Nothing but the Blood* (#264)."

Announcemnts.

Hymn: *"Tell Me the Story of Jesus* (#404)."

Dismissal of Youth for Kid's Church.

Greeting One Another.

Message: *"ECCE HOMO" ("Behold, the Man!")*

Invitation Hymn:* *"The Way of the Cross* (#404)."

Benediction.*

*The Congregation will please arise, if able.

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Also check out our YouTube Channel (search *"Terry Reese"*)!

Wednesday Night Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 PM.

Our in-depth studies in Daniel continue. Let us remember that the Mid-week Prayer service is the **POWER HOUR** of any church; we are never ***stronger*** then when we are on our knees!

Today's Verses for Reflection:

"Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men."—Phil. 2:5-7 (NASB)

WE SALUTE THE HEROES OF THE
SIXTH OF JUNE, 1944

Week of May 23-29, 2021

Sunday School—6
Morning Worship—15
Mid-Week Prayer & Bible Study—5
Church Offering: $350.00

Here is the new address for Sue & Anna Mason!
300 S. Market St., Apt. 1, Martinsburg, PA, 16662

We will be having a special movie night on Friday Evening, July 9th, at 6:30 PM, showing a wonderful Christian film for all ages. Please spread the word!

"ECCE HOMO!" ("Behold, the Man!")

(Sunday, June 6, AD 2021; Pastor Terry L. Reese)

I. Christology: The Doctrine of Christ.

A. Biblical Christology: Affirms that Jesus Christ is both truly & fully God *and* truly & fully man, having two complete and distinct natures joined in *one Person*.

B. Heretical Christology: typically *rejects* or else *reduces* either His Deity or else His Humanity, or misunderstands the relationship and union of the two Natures.

II. Historic errors regarding the Humanity of Christ.

A. Gnosticism (Docetic Theory) *denied* His genuine humanity. He only *appeared* to be human (cf., 1 John 4:2-3; 2 John 7).

B. Apollinarianism *reduced* His Humanity. Jesus was only *partially* human (i.e., the Logos replaced a rational human soul).

III. The Humanity of Christ: genuine & complete.

A. Straightforward, direct Scriptural testimony.
(Matt. 1:1; Mark 6:3; John 1:14, 5:27, 8:40; I Tim. 2:5; 1 Cor. 15:21)

B. In Christ we see all of the distinctive marks of a true humanity.

1. **He began earthly life as a babe, like other men** (Luke 2:5, 12).
2. **He grew & developed as a true human being** (Luke 2:40, 52).
3. **He displayed the emotions found in a normal human being** (Isa. 53:3; Matt. 26:38; Mark 3:5; Luke 10:21, Luke 22:44; John 11:35, 12:27).
4. **He displayed normal human appetites** (Matt. 4:2, John 19:28).
5. **He displayed certain human limitations** (Matt. 8:24, 24:36; Mark 11:13; Luke 22:43; John 4:6). These limitations reflect the Self-emptying of Christ, or kenosis (Phil. 2:5-8).
6. **He had the appearance of a human being** (John 1:10, Phil. 2:8).
7. **His humanity is seen in His suffering & death** (John 1:10).
   Note: He had a *Human Spirit* (*contra* Apollinarianism)**!**

Summary: He had all of the essential characteristics of a true human being, but was without sin (Heb. 4:15).*

***Question:** "*To err is human.*" Can one be sinless, yet human?
Answer: His lack of a sin nature does not minimize nor negate His genuine humanity. Sin is an *abnormality*—it is *not* an essential, vital, nor permanent component of human nature. Adam was originally without sin—and ultimately so will every glorified saint!